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In re Application of
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Application No.: 09/869,990
PCT No.: PCT/US00/01004
Int. Filing Date: 14 January 2000
Priority Date: 15 January 1999
Attorney Docket No.: JHT-0004

For: HYDROCRACKING PROCESS USING BULK
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COMMUNICATION

This is a communication in regard to papers filed 05 October 2001.

BACKGROUND

On 14 January 2000, applicant filed international application PCT/US00/01004, which claimed a priority date of 15 January 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 20 July 2000. A Demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected, was filed on 14 August 2000, prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the priority date. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 15 July 2001.

On 09 July 2001, applicant filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a request to charge deposit account no. 05-1330 the amount of \$1342 to cover the fees.

On 13 July 2001, a charge was attempted on the deposit account no. 05-1330, but the account contained insufficient funds.

On 07 September 2001, the Office mailed a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) noting that the application went abandoned as to the United States under 37 CFR 1.495 for failure to pay the basic national fee by thirty months.

On 05 October 2001, applicants submitted, *inter alia*, a transmittal letter and a declaration pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4).

DISCUSSION

The declaration has been received, but has not been reviewed. The application is currently abandoned for failure to pay the basic national fee. Applicants may wish to consider filing a petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b) requesting that the application be revived.

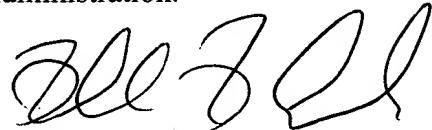
CONCLUSION

The application remains abandoned.

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